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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Please accept my humble appreciation for your letter of September 7, in which you explain as fully as possible, situations as they now exist concerning the trial of Mr. Francis Powers.

Please do not for a moment suspect that I was questioning the ability and good intentions of your agency. Since writing that letter, I have learned that precedent has established payment of salaries to prisoners of war taken by the enemy.

I am afraid that at the time I wrote the letter, I was carried away by another fear: that Mr. Powers indicated a general attitude of "let George do it"; "I must save my own skin at any price". This is the attitude that paid the Roman mercenaries with bread and preceded the invasion of the barbarians.

Again, let me repeat that I am not critical of anything that you have done. I was only putting out for the opinion of those more informed, a few comments which would indicate my own fear that we cannot survive if we do not give to our country rather than always looking for something from our country.

Most humbly yours,

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CC: Honorable Carl T. Durham  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

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